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REMARKS

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1. At noon on 24 March 1954, the first troop train was loaded in Jena. It consisted of 25 boxcars and 20 flatcars and included billeting equipment and troops from units from the Loebstedter Kaserne (8222) and Zwaetzer Kaserne (8221).

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2. On 24 March, unusually much activity was noticed at the Loebstedter Kaserne. Trucks were loaded in the yard.

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3. On 24 March, trucks were also loaded at the Zwaetzen Kaserne. Intensive activity at the two installations continued until the evening. Preparations for a departure were also noticed at the Polizei Kaserne (8223).

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4. On the morning of 25 March, more units from the three barracks installations marched to Westbahnhof.

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5. the loadings on 24 and 25 March involved only advance parties from all barracks installations in Jena. No tanks and SP guns had so far been entrained. 1

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6. On 23 March, 6 x 85-mm AA guns were emplaced on a hill at the exit of Rudolstadt, fronting Schwarza. The emplacement was first noticed on 19 March. 2

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- 25X1B 7. A train was unloaded in Weimar during the night of 15 March. On the following morning, 25 trucks towing 76.2-mm AT guns, 4 x 120-mm mortars and 3 field kitchens stood at the railroad station. The vehicles left the town toward a westerly direction. At about 8 a.m., another train with 35 trucks and about 500 troops was unloaded. Some of the trucks carried 80-mm mortars. Two 76.2-mm AT guns and truck [] were identified. The vehicles left Weimar toward a westerly direction. 3 A train observed at Singen railroad station, which is the Saalfeld-Erfurt line, on 19 March carried 5 x 85-mm AA guns and several trucks [] At noon on 20 March, a train carrying 10 x 85-mm AA guns, 15 trucks and troops on 12 boxcars was loaded at Weimar railroad station. The unit allegedly came from the Flak Kaserne, Weimar. The train departed toward a westerly direction. 5
- 25X1 8. At 2 a.m. on 16 March, about 35 T-34 tanks and about 20 trucks with ammunition and workshop equipment moved from Madlow toward Cottbus. [] the road from Muskau to Niesky was allegedly blocked to traffic from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. from 14 to 31 March. 6
- 25X1 9. On 17 March, a truck convoy towing guns passed through Luckenwalde, coming from the direction of Kammersdorf firing range and proceeding toward Jueterbog. Each truck carried about 50 troops; about 7 trucks towed guns. [] 7
- 25X1 10. On 20 March, units which had been loaded on 15 March returned to Plauen on 7 trains.
- 25X1 11. [] in the evening of 16 March, about 85 tanks assembled on the road from Cottbus to Sielow (N 52/A 57). The tanks were said to have come from the Sachsendorf Kaserne and Dissenchen Kaserne in Cottbus, and to be transferred to Goyatz (N 53/A 49).
- 25X1A 1. [] Comment. The kind of loading tends to indicate that advance parties of the 20th Gds Mech Div were transferred to a troop training grounds. Last year, the division transferred to Ohrdruf after 17 April.
- 25X1A 2. [] Comment. The 497th AAA Regt (US) of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps is stationed in Rudolstadt.
- 25X1A 3. [] Comment. The identity of the units [] could have been elements of the 20th Gds Mech Div which departed to their barracks installations at the northwestern perimeter of Weimar. If the units actually left Weimar toward west, they might have also been elements of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which left Plauen on 15 March and, according to the present report, transferred for exercises to the area west of Weimar. []
- 25X1A 4. [] Comment. The train may have carried a unit of the 497th AAA Regt of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Rudolstadt to Wustrow. []
- 25X1 5. [] Comment. Presumably, a shipment of the 13th AAA Div [] went to Wustrow
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25X1A.  Comment. These observations are probably connected with an exercise of the 7th Gds Mech Div which, upon unloading and assembling, started in the Cottbus area and was conducted toward the Lieberose troop training grounds.

25X1A.  Comment. An exercise of the 9th Mech Div which, according to other sources, also included the 70th Mech Regt from Wuensdorf, was conducted in the Jueterbog-Brand area from 15 to 18 March. 

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